

## **GOVERNOR GRANHOLM'S PLAN TO GROW OUR ECONOMY, SECURE OUR FUTURE:** **OVERALL ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR MICHIGAN**

### **GOVERNOR GRANHOLM HAS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CREATE JOBS AND BOOST MICHIGAN'S ECONOMY**

Governor Granholm will "go anywhere and do anything" to create, retain, and grow jobs in Michigan. And, she is fighting hard to protect our families and educate our children. Governor Granholm puts Michigan first.

#### **GROWING THE ECONOMY**

The Governor is going anywhere and doing anything to create jobs for Michigan workers, and direct action by her administration is convincing major corporations to create jobs and expand in Michigan. Keebler relocated its headquarters from Illinois to Battle Creek. Toyota is putting 400 people to work in York Township at its new Technical Center. When manufacturing jobs left Greenville for Mexico, Governor Granholm stepped in and helped convince United Solar Ovonic to open a new manufacturing facility there. The Governor has met face to face with businesses from across the country and around the world – and her leadership is paying off. Her investment missions to Japan have attracted more than 1,030 new jobs and more than \$200 million in new investment from Japanese companies. But the Governor knows we have a lot more to do to create good paying jobs so our kids can stay in Michigan and work in Michigan. That's why she has a comprehensive Jobs Today, Jobs Tomorrow plan, which includes a new, \$2 billion 21<sup>st</sup> Century Jobs for Michigan Fund that will diversify our economy and create thousands of jobs. From cutting taxes for businesses to matching out-of-work citizens with jobs that exist right now, Granholm is working hard every day to turn our economy around.

#### **PROTECTING OUR FAMILIES AND OUR CHILDREN**

Granholm knows that Michigan must ensure the health and safety of our families and our children to maintain our excellent quality of life. That's why in just three years, her administration has made it possible for more than 292,000 uninsured or under-insured citizens to receive affordable prescription drug coverage and health care coverage; and they've created the MiRx drug discount program that's helping 35,000 Michiganians purchase prescriptions. To protect our children, she's gone after sex and violence in video games. Our neighborhoods are also safer after her administration put more than 1,400 dangerous parole violators and more than 800 sex offenders back behind bars.

#### **EDUCATING OUR KIDS**

Governor Granholm knows the best path to a bright economic future is a high-quality education. Our children deserve to reach their full potential in a safe environment with the tools they need to succeed. That's why the Governor created Project Great Start to increase access to quality child care in Michigan communities and to give parents the tools they need to be their child's first and most important teacher. The Governor is also working to create higher standards in Michigan's high schools so that all students are prepared for success in college and in life. She is fighting to make Michigan the first state in the nation to make college or vocational training accessible and affordable for every child in the state. And, despite eliminating almost \$4 billion in budget shortfalls – more than any other governor before her – Governor Granholm's 2006 budget increased funding for Michigan's K-12 schools to record levels, while asking schools to do more to help kids learn.

## **Granholt Administration's Crime and Public Safety Accomplishments for Michigan**

Governor Granholt is also highly committed to protecting the safety of all Michigan citizens, and to ensuring a good quality of life for all who live in the Great Lakes State. Since taking office, Governor Granholt and her administration have:

### *Invested in the Safety of Michigan Citizens*

- **Apprehended more than 2,000 fugitive felons.** Since 2003, with the assistance of the Michigan State Police, Governor Granholt has apprehended more than 2,000 fugitive felons.
- **Enacted tough new laws to protect Michigan children.** Governor Granholt signed legislation that keeps sex offenders away from schools and child care facilities.
- **Signed Jessica's Law.** This law is named for nine-year-old Jessica Lunsford who was kidnapped, raped, and murdered by a convicted sex offender in Florida in 2005. The legislation creates a new 25-year mandatory minimum sentence for adults convicted of criminal sexual conduct where the victim is under the age of 13. Any offender with a previous CSC conviction will receive an automatic life sentence. In addition, offenders convicted of first- or second-degree CSC with a victim under the age of 13 will be required to wear electronic monitoring devices if paroled.
- **Signed legislation requiring criminal background checks for workers in nursing homes and assisted living facilities.** To help protect Michigan's most vulnerable citizens living in long-term care facilities, the Governor signed legislation requiring criminal background checks.
- **Fully Funded Security Programs in Michigan.** Governor Granholt led the effort to strengthen Michigan's homeland security by fully funding numerous security programs throughout the state to help prevent a terrorist attack.
- **Signed legislation that creates tougher penalties for drug dealers.** Governor Granholt signed legislation creating tougher penalties for drug dealers, including life imprisonment for drug dealers whose products cause death. The Governor also signed a seven-bill package to give law enforcement better tools to address the rapid spread of methamphetamine.
- **Made torture a criminal act in Michigan.** Signed legislation that will for the first time, make torture a criminal act in Michigan and provide penalties of up to life imprisonment for persons convicted under the new statute.
- **Empowered law enforcement offices.** Governor Granholt has fought to make sure local law enforcement offices have the tools they require to protect the public.
- **Instituted a new program to use minimum security prisoners to help clean up Michigan's highways.**
- **Passed legislation to keep violent and sexually explicit video games out of the hands of children.**
- **Enacted legislation creating an Internet "do not call" list for parents who want to keep inappropriate material out of their children's e-mail boxes.**

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